

Macabebe Scouts-- Philippine Bloodhounds

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MACABEBE, Macabebe Land, July 17.—
(Special Correspondence of The Bee).—
Have you ever heard of the Macabebe
scouts, the sleuth hounds of the Philip-
pines? We have almost one thousand of
them in our army. They form a part of
every brigade, and in every march a com-
pany of them goes ahead to develop the
enemy. With bolos and rifles they slip
along through the bamboos. They ford
rivers; they climb mountains; they wind
this way and that through the high grass,
fairly smelling out the Tagalos who are
lying in ambush. When on the scout they
will trot along for days without tiring,
watching all night for fear of surprise.
They hate the Tagalos with the hatred
of a tribal vendetta which has lasted for
more than a century and which has put
hundreds of their bravest men under the
sod. Every company of the Macabebes
is commanded by an American officer, but
in battle this hatred becomes so strong
that the Americans cannot control their
men. They find it difficult to get the
Macabebes to spare their wounded, and
they prefer to kill rather than capture.
With them there is no Tagalo so good as
a dead Tagalo, and they fight to the death.

How They Came to Uncle Sam.
I write this letter in the principal
town of the Macabebe tribe. I have come
to Macabebe Land to learn who they are
and what they are and how they live.
First, however, I want to tell you how they
came to form an alliance with our govern-
ment. They have, as I have intimated,
been for generations at war with the
Tagalos, and still there are only 60,000 of
them, while the Tagalos number about
2,000,000. Nevertheless, the little Mac-
abebes have held their own—first, by ally-
ing themselves with the Spaniards, and now
by becoming the friends of the United
States. Aguinaldo, at the beginning of the
insurrection, asked them to bury the blo-
of enmity and unite with him in expelling
the Americans, saying that if they did so
the Tagalos and Macabebes would hence-
forth be friends, but if not the insurrectos
would wipe the Macabebe people and their
towns out of existence. The leaders of the
Macabebes refused and at the same time
offered themselves to the United States
forces in the following letters, which are
signed by Captain Blanco, the head of one
of the chief Macabebe families, and to a
large extent the leader of the tribe. The
first is to General Otis. It reads:

"MANILA, P. I., Feb. 22, 1899.—Major
General E. S. Otis, Military Governor of the
Philippines.—Sir: The undersigned had the
honor to command the Third company of
the Regiment Blanco while the same was a
part of the Spanish army in the Philip-
pines. This company and regiment was
composed entirely of men of the tribe known
as Macabebes. They were always loyal to
Spain and opposed to the Filipinos, thereby
incurring the bitter hatred and hostility of
the latter people.

"The tribe to which we belong inhabits
the province of Pampanga, only a short
distance from Manila by both land and
water. It comprises among its members at
least 5,000 trained soldiers, capable of bear-
ing and willing to bear arms. Our whole
nation desires to swear allegiance to the
United States and to aid her in her war
against the Filipinos. We are strong, brave
and honest and will make both faithful sub-
jects and efficient soldiers.

"About 200 of our men who surrendered
with the Spanish army are now in Manila.
I desire at their request to tender their
services, in connection with my own, to

sent to the provost marshal general.
"MANILA, P. I., Feb. 22, 1899.—Brigadier
General R. P. Hughes, Provost Marshal
Eighth. Sir: I beg to advise you that I
have this day tendered to Major General E.
S. Otis the services of about 200 Macabebes,
including my own, for use in such capacity
and under such circumstances as he may
deem wise.
"From a personal conversation with you
I know that you are fully conversant with
the history and character of my people and
I therefore dare to hope and ask that you
will interest yourself in our behalf and
speak such words of commendation as you
may see that we deserve. Should you do
this I promise for both my comrades and
myself that you will never have cause to
regret it and that we will prove ourselves
honest men and faithful and valiant sol-
diers under all circumstances.
"Our lot must be cast with the Ameri-
cans, as the bitterness and hostilities for



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many years existing between my people
and the Filipinos preclude all possibility
of our living under their rule or forming
part of the same nation with them. On
our own behalf and on behalf of our peo-
ple we desire to swear allegiance and
fidelity to you and to serve, if we may be
permitted, under your flag.

"With gratitude for the kindness and
courtesy that you have shown my com-
rades and me in the past, I beg to remain,
very respectfully yours,
"LEONARDO BLANCO Y CALVO."

Efficient Soldiers.

The result of these letters was that Gen-
eral Otis took the Macabebes into the
army. They have proved themselves most
efficient soldiers and as scouts have been
so valuable that it is hard to see how we
could have gotten along without them.
They have shown that they can be relied
upon and they will probably have the same
place in our army in the Philippines that
the Sepoys have in the army in India. They
may be used in policing the islands and
more and more of them will be enlisted
from time to time. They are now organ-
ized in companies of 120 men and are used
altogether as scouts. They have a uni-
form and each carries a haversack, a can-
teen and a blanket. They are paid about
\$15 a month each and are given the same
rations as our soldiers. They usually trade
their rations, however, for Filipino food.

of the American soldiers. When they were
first organized they lacked discipline. And
it is still hard to keep them together, but
they are always ready in time of battle.
They usually march in their bare feet,
carrying their shoes, which they put on
when they come into the towns.

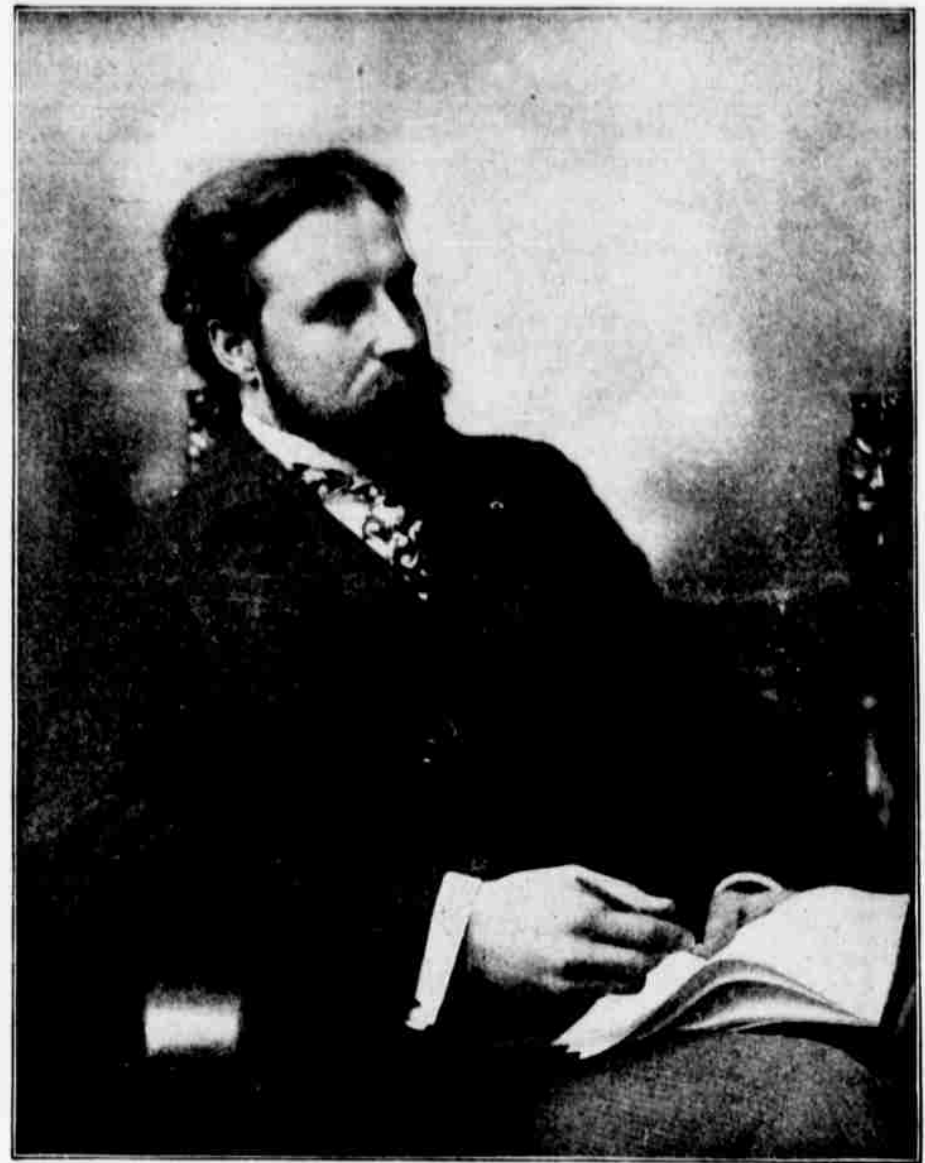
In Macabebe Land.

The war has made things rather lively
about Macabebe Land. This country is sit-
uated in the province of Pampanga. It is
a beautiful strip of level land, containing
some tens of thousands of acres, lying be-
tween the Rio Grande river and the Zam-
bales mountains. It is surrounded by Tag-
alos and the insurrectos have been hover-
ing about it for the past year and making
raids upon the people. During the insur-
rection against the Spaniards Aguinaldo
and his army burned a large part of the
town of Macabebe, destroying the mag-
nificent cathedral, a church covering two
or three acres of ground. They burned many
of the houses and perpetrated all sorts of
outrages, so that today no Macabebe can
utter the name of Aguinaldo with out a
curse.

In coming to Macabebe I had to have
guards with me. I came from Manila by
Calumpit by train. Here was one of our

NERVOUS DECLINE

*Varicocele is Responsible for the Men-
tal and Physical Downfall
of Many Men.*



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Varicocele is one of the leading factors in
the mental and physical downfall of men
whose natural endowments should have
raised them to the ranks of those whom the
world counts successful.

Its inroads upon the constitution are so
gradual that the victim seldom realizes the
changes for the worse that are going on un-
til premonitory symptoms of Paralytic dis-
orders, Epilepsy, Sexual Neurasthenia,
Nervous Debility or Impotency appear.

I have found by microscopical examina-
tion and chemical analysis of the blood of
Varicocele that it is laden with broken-down
cells and morbid material, which is absorbed
into nerve matter.

Nervous System Injured.

The injury that the nervous system sus-
tains as a result of absorption of this ma-
terial is of the gravest character, and al-
though partial or complete physical collapse,
Paralysis, Locomotor Ataxia, or Nervous
Prostration, may be long delayed, its coming
in some form is only a question of time.

Vital Power and the magnetism that car-
ries with it the qualities of mastery over
circumstances as well as persons do not
exist and cannot exist where the forces of
the nervous system must be drawn from a
circulation that has become contaminated
by the unhealthy products of Varicocele.

The pains and inconveniences of this dis-
ease are in themselves sufficient reasons for
the sufferer seeking prompt and complete
cure, but when coupled with these are the
further considerations that its continuance
invites a long train of nervous and mental
diseases, the importance of early cure is ap-
parent.

Effects of Diseased Blood.

As the sluggish blood finally emerges from
the varicose veins it carries the morbid prod-
ucts into the general circulation and the
delicate substances of the Nervous System is
affected in all its infinite ramifications to a
greater or less extent.

The wonderful galvanic forces of the sym-
pathetic Nervous System become enfeebled
or fall altogether and nervous disturbances
of the gravest character ultimately appear.

The various symptoms of approaching
Paralysis begin to manifest themselves and
Nervous Debility and Decline, often as-
sociated with Sexual Neurasthenia, results.
The nerve and will-power that character-
ize the man in the full possession of all
manly attributes are weakened or lost.

I Will Cure You.

My system of treatment is different in
every essential and in every detail from any
and every other treatment for Varicocele
and Associated Pelvic and Nerve-Vital Dis-
eases.

It is a combination of natural forces that
I apply by means of delicate and sensitive
mechanisms directly to the diseased tissues

in such a way that the enlarged ment is grad-
ually reduced and healthy conditions are
completely restored.

My treatment effects rapid and permanent
cures. I do not employ the old-time wide-
open surgical operation.

The results speak for themselves, and the
sufferer from Varicocele or Associated Dis-
eases can have positive knowledge before I
proceed with his case that I cure these dis-
eases to stay cured.

I can refer any inquirer to those who were
similarly afflicted, and whom I have cured.

There is absolutely no possibility of dis-
appointment in results obtained by the ad-
ministering of my treatment. I cure Vari-
cocele in a very few days at my "Home,"
which is fitted out with every scientific de-
vice and requisite for accomplishing speedy
cures.



I Positively Cure Rupture.

By a modification of my combination of
natural curatives I am able to cure any
form of Rupture, and the man who is sub-
mitting to the constant torture of truss-
wearing would do well to investigate my
claims.

I am fully prepared to demonstrate to the
satisfaction of any reasonable man that I
can absolutely and permanently cure Rup-
ture.

I need not say that the constant wear-
ing either of truss or suspensory is in-
jurious to the nervous system, for every
man forced to wear them will recognize
this as a fact.

Free Consultation.

Any man who will write a careful de-
scription of his case will receive, with-
out charge, except 10 cents to pay sealed post-
age, copies of my books, which describe and
illustrate cases that parallel his own.

I would rather talk face to face with a
man and examine him carefully than to de-
pend upon his written statement, for I
would hardly expect him to understand the
importance and meaning of symptoms or
his actual condition.

However, I will render the best profes-
sional opinion possible based upon the in-
formation given by letter, if it is not con-
venient to call.

My consultation hours are daily, 10 to 4;
evenings, 7 to 8; Sundays, 10 to 1. My
private telephone, South 1,029. (Long dis-
tance connections.)

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MACABEBE SCOUTS DRILLING.

he United States, asking you to use us
wherever we can be of service and offering
to place ourselves under your orders. We
promise to prove ourselves men and sol-
diers wherever you may see fit to use us.
"Thousands more of our people will gladly
serve under your banner.

"As to our personal characters, soldierly
qualities and faithfulness to every trust to
which we pledge ourselves, we can refer
you to all Spanish residents of Manila, both
soldiers and civilians, and all resident for-
eign consuls familiar with the history of
the past two years. Very respectfully,

"LEONARDO BLANCO Y CALVO,
Captain of the Third Company of the Regi-
ment of Blanco."

On the same day the following letter was

They are armed with Krag-Jorgensen guns
and are able to use them with great effect.
In a close fight they prefer the bolo. Each
man carries two bolos, a long one and a
short one, or rather a sword and a dagger.
When at close quarters they take one of
these knives in each hand and they can
use the right or left hand equally well.
The dagger is usually used in the left hand
as a guard, while the bolo, or long sword,
is wielded with the right, the Macabebe
endeavoring to disembowel his enemy.

The Macabebes have shown a wonderful
endurance. They never grumble and after
the hardest day's march they are still
ready to fight. In the heat of battle they
advance under the heaviest fire and once
or twice they have been considerably ahead

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